Major cracks developed in Delhi Police Headquarters

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police headquarter have developed major cracks above the ninth floor following the 26th January, 2001 earthquake;

(b) whether it is also a fact that police is not equipped to handle the rescue operations as they don't have specialised equipments; and

(c) what steps Government has taken to prevent the buildings from earthquake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Delhi Police have prepared a Contingency Plan to extend active assistance in case of natural and manmade disasters. This includes constituting of Special Response Group (SRG) suitably equipped to man Management Centres located at Laxmi Nagar, Rohini and Nehru Place.

(c) Action as per law is taken in cases of violation of laid down building norms. The Government have, in order to provide requisite safety measures against earthquake hazards, issued a public notice for the purpose of making suitable modifications in Clause 18 of part III (Structural Safety and Services) of the Building Bye-laws, 1983.